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SUBJECT: PLO SEEKING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO

PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO

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1. AT SUGGESTION OF MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD AMBASSADOR
STEINER, WE BRIEFED REVIEWED IN MORNING APRIL 11
SUBJECT PROBLEM AND LEFT PAPER WITH DR. TRAXL, OFFICIAL
IN MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION WHO HANDLES UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. UNFORTUNATELY KEY DECISION MAKERS
ON PLO MATTERS, WHICH ARE OF SOME SENSITIVITY TO GOA,
ARE EITHER CURRENTLY OUTSIDE AUSTRIA OR TRAVELING ABROAD
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THIS WEEKEND. CHANCELLOR KREISKY DEPARTING SUNDAY FOR

UNOFFICIAL FIVE-DAY VISIT TO NEW YORK, FONMIN BIELKS
ACCOMPANIED BY STEINER DEPARTED AFTERNOON APRIL 11 FOR
FIVE-DAY VISIT TO IRAN, AND MFA IO SECTION CHIEF
WEIDINGER STILL IN GENEVA FOR LOS CONFERENCE. ARRANGEMENT
WAS HOWEVER WORKED OUT FOR TRAXL TO BRIEF STEINER ON
WAY TO AIRPORT AND STEINER TOLD US HE WOULD USE OUR
PAPER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH FONMIN. GIVEN TRAVEL
SCHEDULES INVOLVED, WE NO NOT ANTICIPATE RECEIVING GOA
VIEWS BEFORE APRIL 16.

2. WE SPOKE ABOUT SUBJECT PROBLEM ON FYI BASIS WITH
MFA SECTION CHIEF GLEISSNER (FORMERLY DEPUTY CHIEF ILO
SECTION) WHO SUGGESTED THAT POSITION FRENCH WILL ADOPT
ON ISSUE WILL HAVE MAJOR BEARING ON VIEWS OF FONMIN AND
ON POSITION GOA ULTIMATELY TAKES. ACCORDING TO GLEISSNER
BIELKA IS GREAT ADMIRER OF FRANCE AND ITS POLICY
TOWARDS ARAB WORLD.

3. COMMENT: GOA REACTION, WHEN FORTHCOMING, WILL PROBABLY
BE NEGATIVE OR NON-COMMITTAL TO USG SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED
REFTEL, GIVEN KREISKY'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO ARAB WORLD
AND HIS CHAMPIONING WITHIN SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES
AND ELSEWHERE OF POLITICAL IMPERATIVE OF MAKING PLO
RESPECTABLE, AND BY IMPLICATION, RESPONSIBLE BY INCLUDING
IT IN COUNCILS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
CONFERENCES. COMMENTARY ON BIELKA'S ADMIRATION FOR
FRENCH POLICY TOWARD ARAB WORLD SOUNDS MORE LIKE
BIELKA RATIONALIZATION FOR FACT THAT CHANCELLOR IS
HIS OWN FOREIGN MINISTER. BUCHANAN

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